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PROMOTER HIRED TO FURNISH TALENT FOR TORRANCE PAGEANT

Artists of High Class Ability Will Entertain Visitors to Pageant of Progress; Three Days of DeLuxe Entertainment

Three days of deluxe entertainment are assured for the Torrance celebration now in preparation by the engagement of Joe Bren, of the Thomas Lee Artists Bureau of Hollywood, with whom the management negotiated a contract this week to bring a number of notable entertainers here for the three days.

Boy Drowns Wading In Slough Mon.

Boys' delight in the cool waters of a swimming hole on a sweltering day led to the accidental drowning of Richard Milford, age 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Milford, 26110 Narbonne avenue, Lomita, Monday afternoon.

Neither of the Milford boys were able to swim. About 4 o'clock, some of the boys noticed that Richard was missing. His brother waded out to locate him and found the younger boy struggling in deep water.

Robert Anderson, of Wilmington, waded out and pulled the younger Milford boy out of the water, assisted by R. E. Snyder, 1632 Ravenna avenue, Wilmington.

Under the able direction of Sam Levy, DeKalb Spurline, Carl Maestler and General Manager Frank Buckins, the sale of concession booths is proceeding rapidly.

Judges Will Choose Girl Who Will Represent Torrance In Contest At Venice Selected Tomorrow

Before the ink was dry on the papers last Thursday, the first entry in the contest for Queen of the Pageant of Progress, was handed in, closely followed by No. 2, and interest among the younger generation has been stirred to a high level by the prospect of presiding over this city's first big celebration.

From among the first entries, judges tomorrow will select the girl who will receive the title Miss Torrance, and be entered in the bathing beauty contest to be held at Venice next Sunday.

Brilliant Talk On Rotary Club Program Tonight

Charles A. Horowitz of All-Year Club Reputed to Be Among Best Orators

Acclaimed by those who have heard him as one of the foremost public speakers on the Pacific coast, the address to be given at this evening's dinner meeting of the Torrance Rotary Club by Charles A. Horowitz, field secretary of the All-Year Club of Southern California, promises to be one of the highlights of the year's Rotary programs.



Charles A. Horowitz, field secretary of the All-Year Club of Southern California.

During the last ten years Mr. Horowitz has traveled more than 300,000 miles, advising metropolitan and rural communities in planning programs for their development. He has addressed more than a million people in the United States.

Following a recent talk before the California Bankers Association, James E. Shelton, secretary of the organization, said, "Mr. Horowitz is one of the most pleasing and effective public speakers I have ever seen my privilege to hear. He was a credit both to himself and the organization which he represents."

Frank M. Buffington, manager of the local J. C. Penney Company store, will give a short talk this evening on "Classifications in Rotary" and Arthur Hodge will give his personal history. The program is in charge of Grover C. Whyte, president of the club.

Early Action On Cedar Ave. Is Sought

City Engineer to Contact County In Effort to Start Work Immediately

In an effort to hasten the extension and improvement of Cedar avenue through the General Petroleum property, City Engineer Leonard was requested by the Torrance city council last evening to contact County Road Commissioner George Jones.

Engineer Leonard stated that there was no question about the money being appropriated for the improvement of Cedar avenue, and that the work will be done during the coming year, but he will urge that construction be started immediately after August 24.

COUNCIL ACTS ON PROPOSAL TO WITHDRAW FROM CO. SYSTEM

Formal Notice of Action Sent to Board of Supervisors; Ordinance Setting Up New City Library District Passed On First Reading

Since no protests were presented against the withdrawal of the city of Torrance from the county library system, the city council proceeded last night to the adoption of a resolution formally expressing the determination of the city to withdraw, and notice of the action was forwarded immediately to the county librarian, Miss Helen Vogelson.

Immediately following the adoption of the resolution, City Attorney Charles T. Rippey introduced an ordinance setting up a new city library district which was passed on first reading and will be finally adopted at a meeting to be held Tuesday, August 20.

Circus Parade and Performance Will Be Given Next Saturday Afternoon

"Hold your horses, the elephants are coming." Back in the old days, this was the big thrill of the day, when Mon and Dad and the kids stood on the curb for hours, waiting for the parade, craning their necks to catch sight of the fluttering banners, the gay trappings, the dancing horses, and the pom-pom march of the huge beasts of the jungle, the elephants, the hip-swaying camels, the cages with the roaring lions and the slinking panthers.

Next Saturday, August 17, the elephants will echo again. "The elephant is coming." For the past few weeks, the children at the recreation center on Post avenue, have been busy as beavers, getting ready for the big circus, which will be held on the lot at Post and Craven avenues. They have built an elephant, a camel, and several other animals, without which no circus parade could hope to be a success.

The parade will form at 1:30 p. m. at Craven playground and proceed down Post avenue to Torrance boulevard, to Border avenue to Chamber of Commerce; to El Prado; to Craven and return to the circus grounds at Craven playground.

There will be side shows, freaks and concessions, and then the main performance. This will include parade around the ring; six dance numbers and two big acrobatic acts; Hercules the strong man; animal tricks including the famous Spark Plug in person; exhibition flight of model airplanes; trained dog act; Plato, the magician, sleight-of-hand, magic, legerdemain; athletic contests, and as a finale the thrilling pushable races.

All playgrounds and playground workers are combining to make the affair a success. The committee in special charge consists of Torrance boulevard; John Sedelmaier, parade; Olen Patterson, side shows and construction; and Ernest Dandoy, program. General direction is under C. E. McNew, head of the recreation project.

Tickets are being passed out at all playgrounds, which will admit all children free to all attractions, including refreshments, which will be the usual pink lemonade. Admission will be by ticket, so all children who want to see the fun should apply to any playground director, and get a ducat.

James A. Wolfe Dies Suddenly Last Friday

Employee of the Columbia Steel For 23 Years Succumbs to Illness

The many associates of James Andrew Wolfe, 3317 Sierra, were saddened Friday when the news of his death from a heart ailment circulated through the city. Mr. Wolfe had been ill for several weeks, and had been receiving treatment at the Jared Sidney Torrance hospital, where his condition improved so that he was able to return home. His death at this time was sudden and unexpected.

Funeral services were conducted at Stone & Myers chapel Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with the Torrance Masonic lodge in charge. Cremation followed at Inglewood.

Around the Council Table

In the absence of Mayor Scott R. Ludlow, Tuesday evening, Councilman W. H. Stanger was voted into the chair to act as mayor pro tem.

A letter from the state PWA officials was read which stated that formal approval had been given to the contract with the Moss Company for drilling water wells in Torrance and that the work might proceed as soon as O. E. Carr, state inspector, or his representative, arrives to oversee the job.

Policemen And Firemen To Meet Here

An invitation to send the fire chief or some member of the city council to attend the convention of the Pacific Coast Association of Fire Chiefs, which will be held in Sacramento on September 9-11, was filed.

The council adopted a resolution authorizing a contract to be entered into with the Southern California Edison Company, accepting its proposal to allow a 50% discount on bills for street lighting on all amounts over \$3,873.33, which was the total paid last year. The discount is allowed monthly as soon as the base total has been used. That is, if the city uses \$3,873.33 in lighting the streets in the first six months, or any other period under one year, the discount applies on the monthly bill thereafter. If the light bill does not exceed the base amount in one year no discounts will be earned. The contract will run for two years.

Contractors Are Not Required to Post City Bond

An ordinance amending the license ordinance now in effect in Torrance, was passed on first reading at the meeting of the council Tuesday night, under the terms of which, all plumbing, electrical and general contractors are freed from the necessity of filing a bond of \$1,000 with the city for the faithful performance of work. The requirement was found to be a hardship to small contractors, and at the same time was no protection to the city.

Under the new ordinance, owners of property who employ such contractors may require them to furnish such a bond for the owner's protection, which is more effective and satisfactory.

An amendment to the plumbing ordinance reduced the fee for installing water heaters from \$1.00 to 50 cents.

CITY MAY SPONSOR STUDY OF BIXBY SLOUGH PROJECT

Members of Council and Citizens to Meet Tuesday to Consider Plans For Harbor Extension Work

A request that the city of Torrance sponsor a PWA study project to assemble data already available on the proposed dredging of Bixby Slough and construction of an industrial harbor and barge canal connecting Torrance with Los Angeles harbor, was made by F. M. Andreani last evening at the city council meeting.

Cabrillo Ave. Improvements Changed

Plans for the widening of Esheleman avenue in Lomita and its extension to connect with Cabrillo avenue in Torrance have suffered a serious setback since the death of Mrs. Amalie Kettler, and as reported by City Engineer Leonard at a report to the city council last evening.

The death of Mrs. Kettler, who owned the property which was needed for the widening and extension of Esheleman has necessitated dealing with nine heirs, Leonard stated, and at least some of these heirs are opposed to giving any land for widening of the boulevard. One or two of the heirs, however, are willing to have their roadway extended on a straight line, which would necessitate a left and a right angle turn in order to reach Cabrillo avenue, instead of an "S" turn linking the two roadways.

Under the new plan, Cabrillo avenue will be extended without widening to connect with Sepulveda boulevard, Cabrillo dead-ending at that point instead of connecting with Esheleman as originally planned. Engineer Leonard explained to the city council that under a new ruling of the state highway commission, the city would be permitted to use its share of the quarter-cent gasoline tax fund for the improvement of Cabrillo avenue without the requirement of widening dead-ends, and that it would be possible to include the improvement of both Cabrillo and Sepulveda boulevards in one project. Following Leonard's recommendation, he was instructed by the council to proceed with drafting the application to the state highway commission for improvement. Such an improvement would give traffic on Cabrillo avenue a direct route to Sepulveda boulevard, whose final link is soon to be opened making a direct route to the San Fernando valley through Westwood.

Applications For Grant Are Filed

Eighteen copies of the application for PWA funds as a grant in the erection of a city hall and jail, library, and municipal auditorium were prepared and today were taken to Los Angeles to be handed by City Engineer Frank Leonard to the proper authorities. The date for holding an election for the issuance of bonds to raise the additional funds required has not yet been set.

Light Vote Cast

Small Percentage of Voters Turn Out For State Special Election Tuesday

Very little interest was shown in Torrance in the special state election held Tuesday, when three propositions were voted upon. Of the 3,277 persons eligible to vote, only 423 went to the polls in Torrance, or a fraction under 13 percent. In Lomita 242 persons voted out of 2,252, a little over 10 percent of the registered vote.

The smallest vote in Torrance was recorded in Precinct No. 6 where 19 persons called to cast a ballot. The largest vote was cast in Precinct No. 1 which recorded 55. Lomita voters were more consistent, the largest vote being 42, the smallest, 27. Results on the propositions in the two communities were as follows: In Torrance, Proposition No. 1, legalizing state building bond act of 1935, which would permit the building of a new prison in Southern California; For 129, against 290. Proposition No. 2, authorizing the state borrow money in anticipation of taxes and revenues; For 110, against 304.